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but certainly the general terms of any arms sales are that they're used for defensive purposes. So I think certainly that stands as much on that sale as any other one. I think if we can get off this subject, there are enough others, and we've got twe ty minutes.

Q I have one please. Mr. James Malone, the Assistant Secretary of State was visiting there this week to discuss the nuclear fuel arrangement. His visit was cancelled at the eleventh hour. Can you give us something about the background for the cancellation?

A I can give you just a little bit and that is, because of the unanticipated need for Assistant Secretary of State Malone to remain in Washington in connection with other responsibilities, the U.S. talks with India on the future of nuclear cooperation scheduled to be held in New Delhi July 14 and 15 have been unavoidably postponed. Mr. Malone was to have led the U.S. delegation in these talks, and we expect it will be rescheduled in the near future.

Q What didn't you have on butter?

A There is no decision. I can perhaps give you a fuller answer or perhaps go back to Jim Anderson's question yesterday about the relationship with New Zealand on this. As I said yesterday, the Administration is actively exploring various ways of disposing of the butter stock stockpile which is accumulating in the Commodity Credit storehouses. Part of the exploratory activity has been to discuss the world butter market with New Zealand, one of the most knowledgable countries on this subject. Butter exports are more important to New Zealand than to any other country, and New Zealand has expressed considerable interest in discussing our plans with us. New Zealand is one of our closest allies, and we do not want to take any action in any area as sensitive as this without consulting with them.

Recent news reports have given considerable attention to one possible way of disposing of the CCC butter, that is, a sale to New Zealand. There have been no final decisions either in State or in the Administration overall on how to deal with the CCC's butter problem. Any discussions as to packaging or labeling, which has also been discussed in the press, would likewise be premature.

The State Department is working closely with the Department of Agriculture and other concerned agencies to find the appropriate solution which best serves U.S. interest. Whatever the final decision on butter, it will be an Administration decision reached after interagency consultations. It would not be appropriate to go into the

question of who in the Administration is saying what to whom at this time, as I also said yesterday. That's what I have for you on butter.

Q If I can go back just briefly to Pakistan. If the Pakistanis use F-16s to attack India's nuclear installations and claims self defense, would it be possible for the U.S. to reach an agreement with them clearing up that misunderstanding as well?

A I think that is a bit speculative and I'm really not going to address myself to it.

Q Do you have anything on the detention of the four Jesuits; the protest that' to be held?

A We have seen press reports that four Jesuit seminarians who are nationals of other Central American countries were arrested in Tegucigalpa. I understand the students have now been released and have gone on to Mexico. We have no report from our Embassy on this, so I have nothing independent to give you on that.

Q Have you received a protest from the Jesuit order about certain reports carried by Voice of America about this?

A I don't have anything I can give you on any purported protest. I can simply say that the Voice of America carried the item as reported by the wire services. It also carried all the reported denials so that I don't think that -- as is usual, the Voice is not trying to make policy decisions. It's reporting what the news is coming across the wire from the services.

Q You generally follow very closely arms in Central America. Do you know anything about the fact itself, where these four students -- seminarians are carrying on?

A I think that's a different kind of arms question from the kind we normally follow. In any case, my answer is, as I have said before, we have no independent information on this at all other than what's been in the press.

Q Do you have any comment on the statement by Benjamin Guzman, formerly cultural advisor to El Salvador's